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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH MANITOBA PREMIER SCHREYER:  
NOMINATION FOR IVP GRANT AND POSSIBLE ENERGY  
SWAP WITH NEBRASKA.

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1. ON JULY 27, I PAID COURTESY CALL ON MANITOBA PREMIER EDWARD (ED) SCHREYER WHO HAS LED NDP GOVERNMENT HERE SINCE 1969. ALTHOUGH MEETING WAS INTENDED TO BE A COURTESY CALL, AFTER DISPENSING WITH THE WEATHER AND ONLY A FEW OTHER FORMALITIES, WE GOT DOWN TO BRASS TACKS

2.. PER REF TELCON, I ASKED THE PREMIER WHETHER HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VISITING THE US AGAIN BECAUSE HE HAD NOT BEEN TO WASHINGTON SINCE 1969 WHEN HE TOOK OVER THE REINS AS MANITOBA'S PREMIER. HE WAS IMMEDIATELY INTERESTED, INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE GENERALLY AVAILABLE FROM MID OCTOBER TO MID NOVEMBER, AND ASKED WHAT THE PROGRAM MIGHT CONSIST OF.

3. WHILE ALL OF THIS IS HIGHLY TENTATIVE, I SUGGESTED THE PREMIER BEGIN HIS PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON WHERE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIS FRIEND "FRITZ" MONDALE, HIS CHUM HUBERT HUMPHREY AND A HIGH OFFICIAL IN ERDA. IN ADDITION, HE WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED (ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT EVEN SUGGEST

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IT) TO A CALL AT THE WHITE HOUSE. MR SCHREYER SAID HE

WOULD ROUGH OUT HIS IDEAS FOR A PROGRAM WHICH HE WILL FORWARD TO ME SHORTLY. HE WILL ALSO INCLUDE IN THIS THE AMOUNT OF TIME WHICH HE COULD SPEND IN THE US. IN THIS REGARD, I INDICATED THE LONGER THE BETTER.

4. FOR CU'S INFO, I HAVE ALREADY BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEBRASKA WICH HAS INDICATED INFORMAL INTEREST IN MY PROPOSAL THAT THE GOVERNOR INVITE PREMIER SCHREYER, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR F.L. (BUD) JOBIN (THE QUEEN'S REPRESENTATIVE HERE), AND EARL HIEBERT, (THE PRESIDENT OF WINNIPEG'S CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE ENTRY, THE BLUE BOMBERS) AKA THE BIG BLUE TO ATTEND THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA'S HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME ON OCTOBER 16 AGAINST KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY. GOVERNOR EXON IS PRESENTLY ATTENDING THE MIDWEST GOVERNORS CONFERENCE, BUT HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WILL LET ME KNOW IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THE O GOVERNOR'S REACTION TO THIS PROPOSAL. AT THIS POINT, UNLESS THERE ARE UNFORSEEN SCHEDULING PROBLEMS ON EITHER SIDE, I THINK IT WILL FLY.

5.BEING AN OLD CU HAND, I AM FULLY AWARE OF POSSIBLE LACK OF APPRECIATION IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE UTILITY OF TYING SPORTS EVENTS INTO THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM. IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, NEBRASKANS CONSIDER CORNHUSKER FOOTBALL TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING AFTER BREAD ON THE TABLE, AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND RED-CLAD PARTISAN FANATICS WILL ALSO PROBABLY BE ABLE TO TAKE A FEW MOMENTS BEFORE OR AFTER THE NATIONAL ANTHEM TO GIVE A GOOD ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO MANITOBA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, I HAVE A PERSONAL GUARANTEE FROM NEBRASKA'S ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR THAT TICKETS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE MANITOBA GUESTS --- NO SMALL MATTER SINCE THE ENTIRE SEASON IS SOLD OUT IN ADVANCE FOR YEARS TO COME.

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YM FURTHERMORE, PREMIER SCHREYER TOLD ME INFORMALLY OF ANOTHER MANITOBA-NEBRASKA CONNECTION, AND THE SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE PROVINCE AND STATE ARE STRIKING. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT YET PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA AND A CONSORTIUM OF NEBRASKA POWER COMPANIES HAVE SIGNED A LETTER OF INTENT TO CONDUCT A JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY TO "SWAP" ELECTRICAL POWER. THE

PREMIER ANTICIPATES THE STUDY WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHTEEN MONTHS, AND MAY BE LARGER THAN THE RECENTLY AGREED SWAP BETWEEN MANITOBA AND MINNESOTA (BEING REPORTED SEPTTEL).

7. I REALIZE THAT THIS INVITATION MAY COME AS A SURPRISE TO CU, BUT IT IS ONE THAT MAKES TERRIBLY GOOD SENSE. AND SHOULD PAY RICH DIVIDENDS IN BROADENING THE BASES FOR BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CANADA AND THE US  
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